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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 339
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend Donald Ray Denning, Jr. on his outstanding work and exemplary performance as the private intern to Senator Lincoln Davis.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of each legislative session, there have on occasion emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Donald Ray Denning, Jr. has distinguished himself as one such individual through his hard work and tireless efforts as a legislative intern to Senator Lincoln Davis and his staff person, Joyce McDaniel; and

WHEREAS, D.J. is currently attending Middle Tennessee State University, where he is majoring in Political Science and Marketing and minoring in English; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denning is a resident of Nashville, Tennessee and is the son of proud parents, Donald and Debbie Denning; and

WHEREAS, he has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has especially enjoyed assembling certificates of appreciation to all the wonderful constituents of the 12th Senatorial District, filing bills, fiscal notes and amendments, observing the Senate in action and becoming intimately acquainted with elected school superintendents; and

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WHEREAS, he has also enjoyed the great things that come from being a legislative intern, such as spending the day with Joyce, listening to interesting office debates between staff and legislator, and the camaraderie of fellow interns, staff and members of the General Assembly such as Senator Steve Cohen; and

WHEREAS, he has become acquainted with things that make the Tennessee General Assembly truly unique, such as the importance of fetching a plethora of concession consumables during session, including Diet drinks, pretzels, popcorn and animal crackers, phone etiquette, and the wonderful, gourmet fare of the world-renowned Legislative Plaza Cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, his internship experience will stand him in good stead as he pursues a career as a salesman of golf equipment after having seen for himself that club selection and usage is almost as intricate as the operations of the Tennessee State Senate; and

WHEREAS, soon D.J. will never again, as an intern, view legislative battles from the floor of the Senate, or eat lunch at the Sports Page to disseminate information or be summoned by the impassioned cry of "D.J."; and

WHEREAS, the only thing besides a congratulatory resolution that could make his internship complete would be his own office, a "no class attendance required" exemption from the Tennessee Board of Regents and an unlimited supply of free lunches to various Nashville eateries, some of the few things not included on any of the budget amendments he filed with the Senate Finance Committee to obtain necessary funding; and

WHEREAS, D.J. Denning has performed his duties and many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and decorum which in the words of Speaker Wilder translates to "He was good."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and congratulate Donald Ray Denning, Jr. on his

outstanding service as a legislative intern to Senator Lincoln Davis and Staff, Joyce McDaniel and express our deepest appreciation and thanks to him. We wish D.J. every good thing in life and success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That three (3) appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.